

I will not support any tax cut plan that would endanger the long-term solvency of Social Security and Medicare and inhibit our ability to retire the national debt.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, April 23, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,673,969,614,244.57. Five trillion, six hundred seventy-three billion, nine hundred sixty-nine million, six hundred fourteen thousand, two hundred forty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents.

Five years ago, April 23, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,106,372,000,000. Five trillion, one hundred six billion, three hundred seventy-two million.

Ten years ago, April 23, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,433,997,000,000. Three trillion, four hundred thirty-three billion, nine hundred ninety-seven million.

Fifteen years ago, April 23, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$1,959,815,000,000. One trillion, nine hundred fifty-nine billion, eight hundred fifteen million.

Twenty-five years ago, April 23, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$600,771,000,000. Six hundred billion, seven hundred seventy-one million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,073,198,614,244.57. Five trillion, seventy-three billion, one hundred ninety-eight million, six hundred fourteen thousand, two hundred forty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents during the past 25 years.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following tributes by current and former members of the Senate and House of Representatives at the memorial service for the late Senator Alan Cranston be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

##### MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO SEN. ALAN CRANSTON BY SENATOR MAX CLELAND

On February 6, over 200 admirers gathered in Hart SOB 902 to pay tribute to our dear friend Alan Cranston, who left us on the last day of the year 2000. Joining with me as sponsors of this event were the Senators from West Virginia (Mr. Rockefeller), California (Mrs. Feinstein and Mrs. Boxer), and Massachusetts (Mr. Kennedy), and the former Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Simpson). Ten members and former members spoke, and a short film about Senator Cranston's recent activities was shown. At the end of the program, Alan's son, Kim, spoke. It was a memorable afternoon for all in attendance.

The Program Cover pictured Alan and his beautiful, now seven-year old, granddaughter Evan. On the second page appeared the following words of the Chinese poet and philosopher Lao-Tzu, which Alan carried with him every day:

A leader is best  
When people barely know  
That he exists,  
Less good when  
They obey and acclaim him,  
Worse when  
They fear and despise him.  
Fail to honor people  
And they fail to honor you.  
But of a good leader,  
When his work is done,  
His aim fulfilled,  
They will all say,  
"We did this ourselves."—Lao-Tzu

The program participants and sponsors were shown on the third page as follows:

Musical Prelude: United States Army Strings.

Introductions and Closing: Judge Jonathan Steinberg.

Speakers: Senator Max Cleland, Senator Alan Simpson, Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Representative G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Representative John A. Anderson, Representative George Miller, Senator John Kerrey, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Kim Cranston.

Family in attendance: Kim Cranston, Colette Penne Cranston, Evan Cranston, and Eleanor (R.E.) Cranston Cameron.

Event Sponsors: Senators Cleland, Simpson, Rockefeller, Kennedy, Feinstein, and Boxer.

The back page of the program set forth Senator Cranston's Committee assignments and the acknowledgments for the Tribute, as follows:

Senator Cranston's 24 years of service in the United States Senate exceeded that of any California Democratic Senator and was the second longest tenure of any California Senator. He was elected Democratic Whip seven times, and his service of 14 years in that position is unequalled. His Committee service was:

1969-93: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

1971-73 and 1975-79: Chairman, Subcommittee on Production and Stabilization.

1973-75: Chairman, Subcommittee on Small Businesses.

1979-85: Chairman or Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions.

1985-87: Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Securities.

1987-93: Chairman, Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs.

1969-81: Committee on Labor and Public Welfare (Human Resources).

1969-71: Chairman, Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs.

1971-73: Chairman, Subcommittee on Railroad Retirement.

1971-81: Chairman, Subcommittee on Child and Human Development.

1981-93: Committee on Foreign Relations.

1981-85: Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Arms Control, Oceans, International Operations, and Environment.

1985-93: Chairman or Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

1977-92: Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Chairman or Ranking Minority Member.

In addition, Senator Cranston served on the Committees on the Budget (1975-79) and on Nutrition and Human Needs (1975-77), and on the Select Committee on Intelligence (1987-93).

Event Planning and Arrangements: Bill Brew, Fran Butler, Kelly Cordes, Chad Griffin, Bill Johnstone, Susanne Martinez, Dan

Perry, Ed Scott, Jon Steinberg, Lorraine Tong, Elinor Tucker.

As I said at the Tribute, I would not be in this body were it not for Alan Cranston. My colleague, the Senator from Washington (Ms. Cantwell), expressed that same sentiment in her remarks. Alan Cranston will always be an inspiration for us. He will live in our memories and the memories of all those who served with him and were touched by the causes he championed and in the hearts and minds of those he so ably represented in his beloved State of California. Following are the transcript of the Tribute, and the document, "Legislative Legacy, Alan Cranston in the U.S. Senate, 1969-1993," that was distributed at the Tribute.

##### A LEGISLATIVE LEGACY—ALAN CRANSTON IN THE U.S. SENATE, 1969-1993

###### AN OVERVIEW

As an eight-year-old boy, Alan Cranston lost his first election to be bench monitor in his Los Altos grammar school. As an adult, he became the state's most electable Democrat and one of the most durable and successful California politicians of the 20th Century. During decades of political and social turbulence, when no other California Democrat was elected more than once to the U.S. Senate, Alan Cranston won four Senate terms in the Capitol, serving a total of 24 years. It is a California record unmatched except for the legendary Hiram Johnson, a Republican who held his Senate seat from 1917 to 1945.

In addition, Cranston was elected to seven consecutive terms as the Senate Democratic Whip, the number two party position in the Senate. That, too, is an all-time Senate record for longevity in a leadership post. Alan Cranston is credited with rebuilding the Democratic Party in California through grass-roots activism and organization. In the mid-1950s, he organized the then-powerful California Democratic Council, a vast network of party volunteers that in 1958 helped sweep Republicans from most statewide offices. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown was elected governor, Democrats seized the California Legislature, and Cranston began two terms as State Controller of California.

Senator Cranston sought the Democratic Party nomination for President in 1984. His campaign, though ultimately unsuccessful, raised to new heights public support for international arms control and a superpower freeze on nuclear weapons.

In terms of political style, Senator Cranston drew upon an earlier Earl Warren tradition of bipartisanship, and was well served by a diversified base of political support. Representing the California mega-state in the Senate, Cranston skillfully balanced a wide array of insistent and sometimes conflicting state interests. He steered a delicate course between the state's giant agribusiness interests and those of consumers, family farmers and farm workers; he weighed the claims of home builders and growing communities with the need to preserve open space and wildlife habitats; and he nurtured and led the California epicenter of the national arms control and peace movements, while effectively representing the home of the nation's defense and aerospace industry.

The record of Congressional measures from 1969 to 1993 adds up to a catalogue of literally tens of thousands of legislative actions on which there is a Cranston imprint. These include the large events of the past quarter century—Vietnam, the Cold War, civil rights, the rise of environmentalism, conflict in the Middle East, Watergate, the energy crisis, and equal rights for women.